



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Application Number: 05-0053

Department of Public Works, for
Margaret Mc Culley & Arthur Montgomery

The proposed project will retrofit an existing baffle system in an existing culvert and install rock weirs downstream of the culvert, to improve fish passage on Valencia Creek in Aptos. This project is located on Valencia Creek, at the crossing of Valencia Road & Valencia Creek, postmile marker 3.2, in the Aptos area.

APN: 105-131-42 & 105-171-09

Matthew Johnston, Staff Planner

Zone District: Residential Agriculture

ACTION: Negative Declaration with Mitigations

REVIEW PERIOD ENDS: June 1, 2005

This project will be administratively considered by Environmental Planning Principal Planner after June 1, 2005.

Findings:

This project, if conditioned to comply with required mitigation measures or conditions shown below, will not have significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the Initial Study on this project attached to the original of this notice on file with the Planning Department, County of Santa Cruz, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California.

Required Mitigation Measures or Conditions:

☐ None
☒ Are Attached

Review Period Ends June 1, 2005

Date Approved By Environmental Coordinator June 2, 2005


KEN HART
Environmental Coordinator
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If this project is approved, complete and file this notice with the Clerk of the Board:

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Final Approval of This Project was Granted by Matt Johnston
on 6/9/05. No EIR was prepared under CEQA.

THE PROJECT WAS DETERMINED TO NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Date completed notice filed with Clerk of the Board: 6/9/05

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION MITIGATIONS

- A. In order to ensure that the mitigation measures B and C (below) are communicated to the contractors responsible for constructing the project, prior to any disturbance on the property the applicant shall convene a pre-construction meeting on the site. The following parties shall attend: applicant, contractor supervisor, project biologist, and Environmental Planning staff. The temporary construction fencing demarcating the access road area will be inspected at that time. Pre-construction wildlife survey results will also be collected.
- B. In order to minimize potential impacts on wildlife:
1. The project biologist shall conduct pre-construction, protocol surveys for California Red Legged frog (CRLF), special status turtles and fish within 24 hours of the start of the project. If special status animals are found they shall be relocated, except in the case of CRLF. If CRLF are found the project shall be temporarily halted and the US Fish and Wildlife Service shall be consulted for direction. Follow up surveys, including daily pre-construction survey for CRLF shall be conducted as recommended in the biotic report for the project (Kittelson, 2005).
 2. Biologist monitor shall survey the access road area immediately prior to disturbance by equipment. S/he shall be onsite during all work in the creek and during the installation and removal of the stream bypass.
 3. Pre-construction surveys for breeding birds shall also be performed and avoidance practiced as given in the biotic report.
 4. All recommendations of the biotic report, including training of crews, shall be implemented.
- C. In order to minimize potential for sedimentation and disturbance to riparian habitat:
1. Environmental Planning staff shall indicate on the permit that the exception is only valid period for work during the low flow period between July 1 and October 15. If work does not begin by September 15 it shall be postponed until the following July.
 2. Regarding the temporary access path, prior to project approval the project engineer shall amend the plans and specifications to indicate that the maximum width of the area designated for the access is fifty feet, prior to site disturbance the area shall be marked in the field by the project engineer with temporary fence, no trees greater than six inches shall be removed, no earth shall be pushed into the creek and the disturbed area will be replanted according to the riparian planting plan with erosion control in place prior to October 15.
 3. Prior to project approval the applicant shall submit a revegetation plan that specifies the native seed mix to be used, indicates erosion control plantings and willow poles in the areas where the weirs will be keyed in to the streambank, includes a plan for monitoring and reporting covering three years or longer until plants are established, includes schedule and practices for invasive plant control, and standards for performance of the planting.